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SUBJ: COOPERATION TO COMBAT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING

REF: STATE 31837

1. ON EVENING FEBRUARY 13, ON ITS ARRIVAL HERE, I DELIVERED PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY JUAN JOSE BREMER, THE SAME CHANNEL THAT ECHEVERRIA HAD USED PREVIOUSLY.

2. BREMER EXPRESSED THANKS SAYING HE WOULD GIVE IT AT ONCE TO PRESIDENT. HE RAISED THE MATTER OF PUBLICATIONS, POINTING OUT THAT THE ECHEVERRIA LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD HAD RECENTLY BEEN LEAKED FROM WASHINGTON (SEE REFTTEL). HE SAID IT WAS BETTER TO PUBLISH OFFICIALLY THAN TO HAVE IT LEAK. I TOLD HIM I WOULD INFORM WASHINGTON OF HIS VIEW. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, TEXT OF LETTER APPEARED IN YESTERDAY'S NEWSPAPERS.

3. MOST PAPERS CARRIED THE TEXT OF BOTH LETTERS (THE FORD LETTER HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED BY EXCELSIOR, WHOSE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT HAD OBTAINED IT THERE). PRESS TREATED EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE FAVORABLY WITH SOME PAPERS HEADLINING U.S. ACCEPTS MEXICAN PROPOSAL TO FIGHT NARCOTICS.

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